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All of the young ladies are coming
of age
Badges for Col Ashby. He is agreed
to give over the account.

A
C. 26.

I am always glad
to hear from you
I give my love
your mother
We have had
wonderful weather
until yesterday
since the rain
has been cooler
I pity the soldiers
when it is so hot
The John is
suffering greatly
least we hope
get a pop
home from
they will be
very much
longer
I hope
you will
with love
I am
your
father

I received your letter last week
and was very glad to hear from you again
I thought perhaps you had not received my
last letter, as you were so long in answering
mine but when it arrived the reason
was explained.

For some weeks after Jackson was done
every thing was in great confusion, the
soldiers went around & stole horses and
what ever they chose, but a Provost Marshal
was appointed in town & since then every thing
has been quiet, but Jackson has driven them
this side of Winchester again & in a day or
two we will again expect to have our troops
in our midst, but I hope they will stay
as it does us more harm than good coming
and leaving again in so short a time.

Some think perhaps they may cross over to
Maryland or Penn. but I do not think they
will. I trust they may be stopped by the
Volunteers.

The 2^d Regiment was at Richmond and we
saw rumors of many of our friends being
wounded, and dead; which keeps us
uneasy, until we ~~at~~ hear the truth from
our own troops. A how many hearts
will be left desolate by this war. I hear the
Federal have their cannon set pointing into
Winchester, they are this side & when our
troops come, if they attack them they are
going to shoot in to the Town, how wicked
it will be to make women & children suffer
but I am in hopes that they will be sur-
vised in some other direction, you do
not know how nimble the Yankees are
all I hear from, are packed and ready
to be off as soon as they hear the cavalry
are any where near. There is a company
of Germans in Town who are very well behav-
ed and say they will not fight they are the
Mouth Troop and did not want to come
some part of the regiment would not come
over the Ferry, went back home. When
the war is over the Germans are going to
move down south to live, they say.
Some of the Yankees have behaved shame-
fully. I do not know that any of our

the beautiful Valley where
the armies have been there is no grain
corn or fences very thing is ^{the do} destroyed, ~~good~~
are cut down in many places so as to see
at a distance & have space to shoot them
common balls. Annie drove Mr Davenport
to me yesterday she brought Maggie &
Louisa Packett rode on horse back to
open the gates. Annie returned from the
north three weeks ago, brother hearing that
our troops were coming north for her before
she was ready to come which was a great dis-
appointment to all parties, and instead of their
coming here they went to Richmond so
she might have paid her visit out.
Mamma is well. They are still in harvest-
hand have been so hard to get this
year that a great deal of wheat is left
uncut; some persons here are left without
any servants, I do not know what we will do
when ours all go, if they do we have only lapsed
2 men & one woman. P. started of the is living
with Mamma now. Geo has had the measles
among his children two are better now, it is a
very mild kind, and they are not very sick
we had harvest on Friday day

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I have been staying at home
tender they are to spend the day yesterday
I was kept by business and see here noted George
also he is much improved, but his arm &
side are still very weak. I hope you &
& yourself will call to see cousin Devere.
Mr Gyle has rented a house & they are fixed
very comfortable I expect, she is a sweet lovely
woman and I trust you will both be pleas-
ed with her, If they come up next month
cannot you be spared to come with her
& pay me a visit you can return with
Mr Gyle being an Englishman has passport to
go through any lines, we miss cousin R very
much and her family greet you here.
We are hearing court proceedings of course
commenced since I commenced this last sheet
so I am afraid you will not receive this
if I don't hurry I send it to you by the Dr who
I expect will be a sick servant, when they go we
will be saved that expense at any rate.
There are a set of robbers at the Ferry who have taken
every thing from Lewis Washington place all stock
household furniture & his wife clothes, house linen
went to that English took 60 sheep hogs, calves, horses
& ~~stang~~ ~~the~~ ~~town~~ to Mr Hanks, but his daughter ~~staid~~
for the proo & he told them he would have them
all shot if they interfered with any thing which
Mr English niece who lived there & Charlotte Alexander
went the Ferry & the officers said that was nothing that
they would get through thro' before long. I had
I must close. We are all well, school has stopped
visit these friends.